

Hospital Comments on Quality and Cost

CABG (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft)

[Link to General Comments on Quality and Cost from all hospitals](#)

Reporting Hospitals:

- Massachusetts General Hospital

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The website reports CABG mortality from two different sources of data. We strongly prefer the Massachusetts Data Analysis Center (MassDAC) data source and recommend the reader use this as the more accurate data source. The MassDAC statistics come from a clinical data source designed by the Society of Thoracic Surgery program. Hospitals in MA that provide CABG are required to participate in this data collection and monitoring effort. The mortality rates are adjusted using clinical data from charts that allows us to account for differences in the severity of illness among patients. The statewide collection and analysis of this information represents a big step forward in the way in which we monitor and improve quality of care for patients in Massachusetts. The state also reports mortality rates using administrative data because these are more current than the statistics coming from MassDAC. We feel that the more accurate clinical statistics are worth the wait.